

Appl. No. 10/516,713; Docket No. DE02 0137 US
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-10 remain pending in the application.

Claims 5, 6, and 9 have been amended to clean up language overlooked in the Preliminary Amendment. Claims 1 and 7 have been amended to include the feature of "*component has at least one slightly doped zone laterally situated between a first highly doped zone and a second highly doped zone.*" The amendment better clarifies Applicants' invention as it relates to bipolar transistor technology. The changes are supported by the Specification and contain no new matter.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Adan* (5,198,379).

Adan, "... relates to a metal oxide semiconductor thin film transistor (*MOS thin film transistor*), [emphasis added] and more particularly to a MOS thin film transistor comprising a polysilicon layer and a SOI structure. The thin film transistor of the present invention is useful particularly as a load device for Static Random Access Memory (SRAM) (col. 1, lines 10-16)."

In contrast, Applicants claimed features, as amended, are directed toward "semiconductor device of the type mentioned in the opening paragraph as well as a method of the type mentioned in the opening paragraph in such a manner that trouble-free operation also of slightly doped components, such as pnp transistors, is ensured in a SOI process transferred onto an insulator. Consequently, independent claims 1 and 7, as amended, are not anticipated by *Adan*. Therefore, dependent claims 2-6 and 8-10 are also not anticipated.

Per MPEP §2131:

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently describe in a single prior art reference." *Verdegal Bros. V. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628,631,2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as contained in the ... claim." *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). The elements must be arranged as required by the claim.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections under 35 USC 102(b) be withdrawn.

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Applicants believe they have addressed all of the Examiner's concerns.
Therefore, the claims are now allowable. A timely Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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